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PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) -- LYMAN B. KIRKPATRICK, FORMER NO. 3 MAN IN THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, IS NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE JOB OF CIA DEPUTY DIRECTOR, AN AGENCY SPOKESMAN SAYS.

HERBERT HETU, THE AGENCY'S ASSISTANT PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER, SAID MONDAY THAT CIA DIRECTOR STANSFIELD TURNER RECOMMENDED KIRKPATRICK'S NAME BE "WITHDRAWN FOR CONSIDERATION." HETU SAID THE REASON FOR THIS WAS THAT KIRKPATRICK WAS A CIA OFFICIAL IN THE 1950S AND 1960S, WHEN THE AGENCY IS ALLEGED TO HAVE COMMITTED VARIOUS ABUSES, INCLUDING DRUG TESTS ON HUMANS.

TURNER FELT THAT IN LIGHT OF THE CHARGES OF ABUSE RELATING TO THAT PERIOD, "SELECTING SOMEONE WITH SUCH DEEP ROOTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE CIA MIGHT BE MISINTERPRETED," HETU TOLD THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL-BULLETIN.

HETU ALSO SAID TURNER, A FRIEND OF KIRKPATRICK'S, HAD ORIGINALLY RECOMMENDED THE 61-YEAR-OLD PROFESSOR FOR THE JOB.

THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS NOT NOW CONSIDERING A NEW CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION, LEFT OPEN BY THE RESIGNATION OF FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR HENRY E. KNOCHE, HETU SAID. THE RESIGNATION WAS MADE PUBLIC JULY 14.

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